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Forest Practices Board

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## **Board to audit Tolko operations near Merritt**

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the forestry activities of Tolko Industries Ltd. in the Cascades Natural Resource District during the week of July 8, 2019.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning carried out by Tolko between June 1, 2018, and July 12, 2019, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Merritt timber supply area, near the communities of Merritt and Princeton. The area has a diverse landscape that provides habitat to a variety of wildlife.

Once the audit work is complete, a report will be prepared and any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have a chance to respond. The board's final report and recommendations then will be released to the public and government.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government. The board audits forest and range practices on public land, as well as appropriateness of government enforcement.

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